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In re Patent Application of:  
Partridge et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IDENTIFYING A PACKET

Examiner: B. Tiv

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2004, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-10, 13-20, 23-24;

Group II: Claims 11, 12; and

Group III: Claims 21, 22, 25.

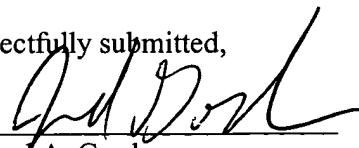
Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by selecting the claims of Group I, Claims 1-10, 13-20 and 23-24. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to prosecute the non-elected claims in related applications.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-368 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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